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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up a Unified Intelligence Defence Agency consisting of Army, Navy and Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in way in which the coordination is being maintained amongst the present defence set-up? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Government constituted a Group of Ministers on17th April2000 to thoroughly review the national security system in its entirety and in particular, to consider the recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee and formulate specific proposals for implementation. Keeping in view the wide scope of the terms of reference of the Group of Ministers (GoM) andin accordance with its mandate, the GoM appointed four task forces, one each in the area of intelligence apparatus, internal security, border management and defence management. These Task Forces have since submitted their reports to the GoM. The GoM, would after consideration of various issues including the creation of a DIA, formulate suitableproposals for implementation. In the existing arrangements, regular interaction takes place between the Intelligence Directorates of three Services and other civilian agencies through the Joint Services Intelligence Board (JSIB).